

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (As amended) An acid-dye and coffee stain resistant carpet comprising:  
a backing material; and  
stain resistant sheath/core bicomponent face fibers affixed in said backing  
material and bound thereto, said face fibers having a core of a first polyamide component;  
and a sheath substantially or completely covering said core and of a second polyamide  
component which is inherently chemically compatible with said first polyamide component,  
said second polyamide component comprising at least one stain resistant polyamide  
polymer selected from the group consisting of:

(a)  $[\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_x-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-(\text{CH}_2)_y-\text{CO}]_n$

where x and y may be the same or different integers from about 4 to about 30, the  
sum of x and y is greater than 13, and n is greater than about 40; and

(b)  $[\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_z-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{\text{C}}}-]_m$

where z is an integer from about 9 to about 30 and m is greater than about 40;

(c) derivatives of (a) or (b) including polymers substituted with one or  
more sulfonate, halogenate, aliphatic or aromatic functionality; and

(d) copolymers and blends of (a), (b) and (c),

wherein said fiber has a percent steam heatsetting shrinkage value which is about 70% or less of a percent steam heatsetting shrinkage value of an otherwis identical fiber consisting of only said first polyamide component.

said carpet in an uncolored state having a red drink staining depth of less than 15 CIE ΔE units and a coffee staining depth of less than about 10 CIE ΔE units.

Please cancel claim 16.

Respectfully submitted,

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